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Convicted Camden school board member flippant about her future

CAMDEN—After her conviction for embezzling somewhere in the area of \$24,000 from the poorest school system in the state, former Camden school board president Elaine Bey shrugged off the incident outside Federal court and said "I'm going to Disney World."

Bey, who served as board president from 1987 to 1994, faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. She plea bargained and plead, admitting to taking only \$9,000. A federal indictment charged that in addition to the amount specified by Bey in court, she ran up a total of \$15,000 in food, beverage and liquor bills, \$6,900 in car rentals and \$3,000 in hotel bills.

State makes plans to get continuing education for teachers

TRENTON—The Whitman administration has announced that it has reached an agreement with the state's largest teachers' association to guarantee the continuing professional education standards for teachers.

The professional development plan is aimed at improving the quality and accessibility of continuing education opportunities for teachers by establishing state standards for approval. "This plan will benefit children, first and foremost, by giving teachers the knowledge and skills they'll need to help students achieve the high academic standards we have set," Governor Whitman said.

President should apologize for slavery and Jim Crow, according to race board

WASHINGTON—Some of the 600 pieces of mail sent to the White House and the offices of President Clinton's advisory board on race suggest that not only should the President apologize for slavery, but the rigid segregation imposed on black Americans under Jim Crow. Race board chairman John Hope Franklin agreed in a recent radio interview, saying that "The most rigid apartheid laws this country has ever seen were passed in this century." The White House said that, for now it is unlikely that Clinton will apologize for either of the defunct institutions.

The well-off are doing better, poor stay the same says Census Board

WASHINGTON—A recent report from the Census Bureau shows that the gap between the well off and the poor of New Jersey continues to widen despite the nation's steady economic growth.

During the same time last year's state median household income rose by three percent, or \$1,353 over 1995, the poverty rate remained at 8.5 percent of the state's population. "It shows that New Jersey is becoming a two-class society, said Paul Nader, a finance professor at Rutgers. "Those with knowledge and skills are doing well," he said. "But there are a tremendous number of people without education or training who are not participating in the economic growth."

Attempted murder charges are handed down against three whites

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Three white teenagers were indicted on attempted murder charges for the beating of Kevin Teague in Brooklyn in the morning hours of September 23. Teague, an African-American, was standing at a pay phone when he spotted a large group of people headed in his direction. He was knocked to the ground by a car and then beaten with an aluminum baseball bat, an air horn and a device called a claw and the fists of his assailants. A lawyer for one of the defendants said that an attempted murder case is "absurd," adding that Teague's injuries "were just scratches."

Ministers disappointed in gubernatorial presentations

By g.r. mattox

TRENTON—The three gubernatorial candidates had their day with one of the most powerful collective voice in the African-American community. While the exercise was not a complete waste of time, the consensus was that the collective voice received no promises and heard nothing substantial in answer to questions concerning black voters in New Jersey.

Governor Whitman, Democratic challenger Jim McGreevey and Libertarian Party candidate Murray Sabin came to Gallie Baptist Church in Trenton, spending individual time with members of The Black Ministers Council of New Jersey. Almost three dozen members of this organization were present at this session.

Although both McGreevey and Whitman are in favor of affirmative

action, neither directly answered questions regarding economic development in urban areas or how either of their much-touted car insurance reduction programs will help those in the cities. Reverend Reginald Jackson, pastor of St. Matthew's A.M.E. Church in Orange and executive director of the council, told his colleagues in his disappointment of the candidate's responses, "I just think we need them to be more specific," he said after the presentation.

Libertarian party candidate Sabin, who was invited because he raised enough money to qualify for matching funds to support his candidacy, does not support affirmative action, claiming it creates social tension. The Ramapo College professor earnestly spoke of his immigrant family history and own experiences in losing and finding work as an argument against

federal and state assistance programs. Although this drew a negative response ministerial group, Reverend Jackson graciously thanked him and complimented him on his courage. Rev. Jackson later said that he didn't want to be flippant but, "when he quoted the trouble he had with the trouble folk like us have, my heart went deaf. I don't think he genuinely understands."

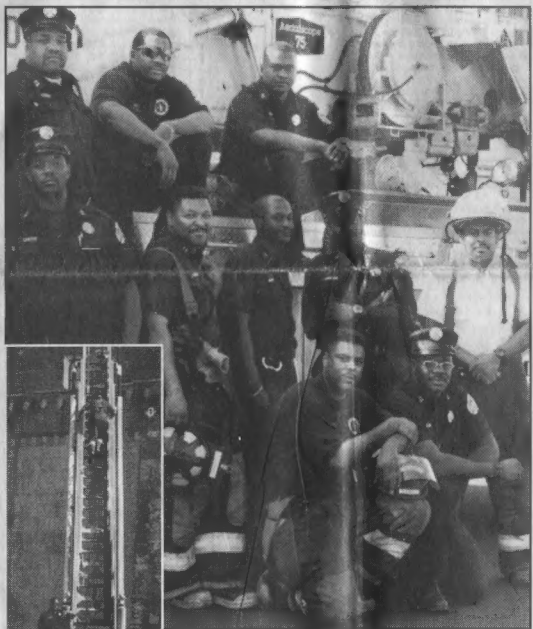
When McGreevey was asked what made him different from other democratic candidates who seem to take the black vote for granted, he not only did not answer the question, opting to go into detail about the tragic story of the murder of a two-year-old child by the mother's live-in boyfriend just before a scheduled court date with the Department of

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The Black Ministers Council led by Rev. Reginald Jackson (center of podium) met with gubernatorial candidates in Trenton.

New Jersey's bravest join fire safety week



Shown are Plainfield firefighters who recently engaged in rescue maneuvers in the North American Historic District. October 5-11 is National Fire Prevention Week which is observed in every community. Stop by your local McDonalds for your copy of "PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE"—tips on surviving home fires sponsored by City News along with other sponsors. Page 7 contains information on how to survive a home fire. This edition of City News also contains a Fire Prevention Week insert full of helpful information on fire safety.

James, Rice battle rages

'Newark Councilman Rice slams Mayor Sharpe James during afternoon session'

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

The longtime feud between Councilman Ronald L. Rice and Mayor Sharpe James continued Wednesday in an afternoon City Council meeting as Rice blasted the mayor for what he perceived as a personal attack on him for voting for an ordinance vetoed by the mayor.

In September, Mayor James vetoed the amendment of an ordinance condemning the posting of political campaign signs. The amendment would eliminate the requirement to make a deposit on political and promotional signs and revise the penalties for violations. In a letter from Mayor James read into the record telling the council off the veto, Rice charged that James singled him out to attack, as opposed to any other council member that voted for the ordinance.

"(The letter) says 'Ron Rice'. It does not refer to anyone else who voted to pass the ordinance," said Rice, who is also a state senator and running for mayor against James next year. Later he angrily charged James with being vindictive and playing political games. Rather than voting to override the veto, the council chose instead to defer the resolution until the next session on October 16.

Also deferred was a resolution authorizing the business administrator to accept on behalf of the Newark Police Department a conditional gift of a peacekeeper armored vehicle from Lackland Air Force Base, the Air Force's basic training and Security Police facility near San Antonio, Texas. In the aftermath of the controversy surrounding the June 7 shooting death of Daniel "Strawberry" Daniels by officer Robert Leaks and his subsequent clearing of criminal charges, news of the vehicle being given to the police department reignited concerns of an out of control police force. All council persons present voted to move the resolution up to the next session, with the exception of Councilman Anthony Carino, who abstained.

It was decided that the resolution to rescind one authorizing the business administrator and director of

Engineering to enter into contract with the city. The council was incorporated to provide services be tabled until a later time. Councilwoman Mildred Crump did question however, the cost of tabling the ordinance and it companion resolution to enter into contract with



Mayor Sharpe James



Senator & Councilman Ron Rice

Siege's Towing Service.

A resolution was approved ratifying and authorizing the mayor and Director of Development to enter into an amended contract with Apostles' House to expand the remaining balance of its grant of just over \$18,000 to continue the rehabilitation of 16-18 Grant Street. Also approved was a resolution authorizing the mayor and business administrator to enter into a contract with Communities of Schools of New Jersey to provide a community school at Camden Middle School.

Prudential accused of housing discrimination

Three other major insurance companies also cited under Fair Housing Act

Four of the nation's largest insurance companies have been accused of racial discrimination under the Fair Housing Act. Fair housing groups said the companies turned down or limited home insurance policies to residents living in minority and integrated neighborhoods.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America, The Travelers Group, Aetna and Liberty Mutual Group allegedly restricted, limited or denied home ownership insurance in African-American, Latino and integrated communities.

The National Fair Housing Center, Metropolitan Fair Housing Center and Home of Richmond, who all filed the complaint, said that the insurance companies had violated the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits

discrimination in real estate related transactions.

"If our finding confirm the complaints are correct, we will end any discriminatory practices and take steps to see that such violations are prevented in the future," said Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must investigate the complaints and determine whether there is reasonable cause that the act has been violated. The case will be given to an administrative law judge who may provide victims with monetary or injunctive relief and civil penalties.

The complaints against the four insurance companies were based on a study authored by HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program of 1995.

Suspended teachers rally

NEWARK—The group, Extended and Better Rights / Suspended Teachers of Newark, will hold a rally on the steps of Newark City Hall on Thursday, October 23 to protest their suspension by the State-operated Newark Public Schools. The rally is also intended to protest the lack of support for members of the group by the Newark Teachers' Union (NTU), and to demand that city officials elected take a stronger role in supporting them in their struggle for justice.

The group is made up of fifty-nine former Newark school employees who have been suspended from their jobs due to alleged involvement in an insurance kickback scheme. No legal charges have been filed against any member of the group, however. No school district other than Newark has suspended anyone in connection with the scheme.

Two groups of employees were suspended in 1996. Assistant Executive Superintendent Beatrice Collymore said in the Fall of 1996 that there is another group of allegedly involved employees, but no action ever emerged against them. All of the people in the two suspended groups were African-American, which raises the question of bias.

"The rally is intended first of all to expose the unjust and abusive labor practices of the Newark Public Schools," said Elough Butler, spokesperson for the group. "Also our members are seeking ways to recover the dues we paid to the union. We have been defrauded since we received no representation or support whatever."

According to Butler, there were no pre-termination hear-

ings in their cases, although such hearings are a statutory requirement. "We want to know why the union refused to have hearings with the State," she said.

Other members of the group charge that the firings are simply a convenient way for the State to save money. Most of the suspended employees were at the top of the pay scale and their total salaries add up to several million dollars a year. All are tenured.

Procedural blocks to further employment or relief were also criticized. The Newark Public Schools administration has refused to certify that it has completed its procedures and has prevented several people from finding jobs elsewhere. Some are close to becoming homeless and cannot receive homeless prevention benefits according to the group.

The group has received the support of the Education Committee of the New Jersey Committee of Black Churches and of the Newark Teachers' Association, the Newark Branch of the NAACP, Union & Struggle Newspaper, Women in Support of the Million Man March, and the Local Organizing Committee.

"In the end it's Gov. Whitman who is responsible," said Butler. "She wants to pretend that she doesn't know. But people who have worked for twenty to thirty years with unblemished records have had their names dragged through the mud in the media. Whoever is responsible should be big enough to come forward and admit that they made a mistake."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Friends of Ralph Franklin are holding a testimonial dinner at UABaire at 6:15 p.m. For more info, call 908-354-6889.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College presents Lun Cabral a professional storyteller with emphasis on stories of people of color. For more info, call 201-200-3426.

MILBURN—The Office of the County Clerk will process Passports, Notary Public Oaths, ABC Identification cards, etc. at First Union Bank from 9 to 3 p.m. No pictures are available, you must supply your own. For more info, call 821-4621.

MORRISTOWN—Life, an inalienable right for all, an informative program on abortion and its effects will be presented at the College of Saint Elizabeth at 7 p.m. For more info, call 973-290-4000.

NORTH BRANCH—The Institute for Business and Professional Development presents a Multimedia course, "Introduction to Macromedia Director 5" from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more info, call 973-216-8871.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Rutgers Theater Company presents "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" by John Blyth through Oct. 26th. For ticket information, call (732) 932-7511.

BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield College celebrates the works of preeminent photographer and author, Gordon Parks. For more information, call (973) 748-9000, ext. 343.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College presents a free lecture by Michael Kimmel, a professor of sociology. For more info, call 201-200-3426.

NEW YORK, NY—Whitney Museum of American Art presents "Richard Diebenkorn". For more info, call 212-870-3633.

WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County offers an Elderclass Class at the Westfield College Center from 7 - 9 p.m. For more info, call 908-654-8854.

MONTCLAIR—Montclair State University presents a lecture on "The New World of Health Care in New Jersey" at 2 p.m. at the Student Center. For more info, call 973-655-4333.

MONTCLAIR—Montclair State University presents an Art Forum Lecture Series from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Galia Hall's Fine Arts Auditorium. For more info, call 973-655-7294.

NEWARK—The Newark Literacy Campaign is seeking volunteers to become reading partners for adults, teenagers and children during the day or in the evenings for a min. of 2 hrs. per week at Newark's Public Library and community-based sites from 6 - 8

p.m. For more info, call 973-623-4001.

SOUTH ORANGE—Sutton Hall University presents a symposium featuring Robert L. Galucci, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. The symposium will be held at 6:15 - 8 p.m. For more info, call 973-378-9838.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

PLAINFIELD—Amateur Boxing, Garden State vs. Nation's Capital at the Black United Fund Community Center. For more info, call 908-561-0123.

NEWARK—The Black and Latino Coalition, Inc. announces the celebration of its Second Recognition Dinner at the Hilton Gateway. For more info, call 973-621-5632.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Jersey City State College offers a seminar, "What kind of assets do you have". For more info, call 201-200-3089.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Fire Prevention Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hub State Field. Come one, come all.

PLAINFIELD—YAM presents their 2nd Annual Youth Summit and Football Bonanza from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-789-YAM6.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

PLAINFIELD—The PAL is presently putting together their Public Safety Handbook in conjunction with sponsoring the Harlem Rockets Comedy Basketball Benefit. The event will be held in the Plainfield High School Gymnasium at 950 Park Avenue in Plainfield at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-755-6024.

MOUNTAINSIDE—Children's Specialized Hospital presents a public reception for Mr. Ralph Garatola and Barbara Zietzsch from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 908-233-3720.

WASHINGTON, DC—Peace and atonement conference for rap artists at the D.C. Armory. The concert is set for October 13 at RFK Stadium. For more info, call 301-568-8038.

BROOKLYN, NY—The Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation will hold its 18th Annual 10K Community Run at the Restoration Plaza. The run starts 10 a.m. sharp. For more info, call 718-636-6900.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

ORANGE—Lincoln Galleries Artiques Auction at Lincoln Galleries. Fine arts, furniture, paintings, oriental rugs, silver, etc. For more information, call Deborah Lerner, (201) 376-2255.

CALDWELL—Caldwell College presents the New Jersey League of Schools' Second Annual Conference in design initiatives to create classroom change. For more info, call 973-228-4424.

Donald White elected Sheriff's 'Officer of the year'



Officer Donald White, at center, of the Union County Sheriff's Department receives a resolution from Union County Freeholder Board member Walter D. McNeil, at left, and a plaque from Union County Sheriff, Ralph Freebush, at right.

The first thing Union County Sheriff's Officer Donald White did after being elected Officer of the Year was call his 80-year-old mother in Jacksonville, N. Carolina. "I knew she'd be proud and would want to know," said Officer White, who was elected by his peers on the Union County Sheriff's Department. "She's responsible for my success."

A Sheriff's Officer since 1984, Officer White, who resides in South Plainfield with his wife Ernestine, was elected for best demonstrating the personal qualities of dedication to duty. He will receive a meritorious service award during ceremonies in November.

John Amos, writes and stars in play, 'Halley's Comet'

ASBURY PARK—On October 12 at 4:00 p.m., see John Amos, star of Roots and The Hard 2 stars in Halley's Comet at the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park.

Conceived by Amos, the story revolves around an 87-year-old man who shares his memories with the famous Comet he saw as an 11 year old boy. Amos' character seeks to the mountain-top where he first met the Comet and explains to his old friend, "that things sure have changed since the last time you passed this way." Then Amos takes the audience on a whirlwind adventure back in time.

The audience experiences a roller coaster ride through world wars, romance at a barn yard dance, fast food restaurants, the golden age of radio, brutality during the early civil rights movement, and the joys of childhood. Much has changed since the last time the Comet came to visit.

John Amos, a New Jersey native, is well known for his Emmy Award nominated performance as the heroic adult Kunta Kinte in the ground breaking mini-series Roots, or as James Evans, the indelible father from the hit television sitcom "Good Times." He also played opposite Eddie Murphy in the box office black buster "Coming to America." His list of roles appears endless. Amos skill as an actor is demon-



John Amos

strated in Halley's Comet as he transforms himself into a parade of characters. In this one person show he plays an enhancing 87 year old patriarch; a tough young man in the middle of a blood chilling WWII battle in the Pacific; a newly freed Liberator slave who heads out West as a cattle driver into the Comanche territory; and others.

For information and directions, please call 732-918-6660.

Tatiana Wright of Orange is Miss New Jersey Princess

Mayor Mims Hackett, Jr. congratulates five-year old Tatiana Wright of Orange, winner of the MISS NEW JERSEY AMERICAN PRINCESS PAGEANT. Tatiana visited the Mayor's Office to pick up a sponsorship donation to assist her in her trip to Orlando, Florida to compete in the national pageant. She and Mayor Hackett are displaying the many trophies that she won at the state pageant. In addition to winning her crown; Tatiana also was selected Miss Personality; Best Artist; Best Talent; Best Actress and placed second in Miss Photogenic category. She will be traveling to Orlando November 20, 1997 to represent the entire state of New Jersey. Anyone wishing to contribute donations to sponsor her trip can contact Ms. Idilissa Uqiah in the Mayor's Office at 266-4078.



Keryl E. McCord named Crossroads Theatre's managing director

Keryl E. McCord, former Theatre Programs Director for the National Endowment for the Arts, has been named managing director for Crossroads Theatre Company in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Ms. McCord will assume her full-time position on November 1, 1997. She brings to Crossroads over 25 years experience in not-for-profit sector.

Ms. McCord led the National Endowment for the Arts position in 1995 to establish Foundation for Change, a consulting firm specializing in earned income diversification and strategic planning and implementation for not-for-profit organizations.

As Crossroads' managing director, Ms. McCord will lead the theatre's administrative efforts including marketing, development and finances. Her appointment comes just as Crossroads is observing its 20th Anniversary Season. In announcing the appointment, Ricardo Kline, the theatre's co-Founder and Artistic Director said, "We are thrilled to have a person as experienced in not-for-

profit theatre as Keryl to help guide Crossroads into the next millennium." Prior to assuming her position with the NEA, she was executive director of the League of Chicago Theatres, a trade association for over 150 commercial and non-profit theatres in Chicago; and managing director of the Oakland Ensemble Theatre in Oakland, California.

Ms. McCord has worked with professional companies such as the Tony Award-winning San Francisco Mime Troupe, New York City's New York Street Settlement and New York Jewish Theater Company, American Jewish Theater Company, and La Familia Theatre.

In 1968, Ms. McCord was selected as one of two artists from the San Francisco Bay Area to represent the United States as a member of a delegation of theater artists to the USSR.

Founded in 1978, Crossroads Theatre is an internationally recognized professional African-American theatre that has provided an artistic home to some of the country's most significant Black theatre artists.

In 1972, the first convention of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association barely filled a hotel room.

Today, they fill a hotel.

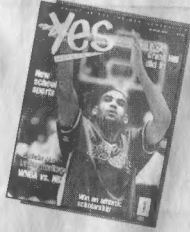
Twenty-five years ago, the NBMOA was a small group, formed to address the unique issues and concerns of black franchise owners. Today their franchises fill neighborhoods with employment opportunities, sponsorships and economic development. They've grown to over 300 owners, but their mission remains the same - to maintain the business and to build the community.

McDonald's salutes the NBMOA on their 25th anniversary.



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WORLD BRIEFS

FIRST MADE-IN-NIGERIA CAR LAUNCHED

OWERRI, Nigeria (PANA) — The first made-in-Nigeria car known as "Z-600" has been launched in the eastern city of Owerri.

Nigerian engineer and chief executive of Izugbu Motors, Ezekiel Izugbu, said he conceived, designed and manufactured the car, which has been tested by the country's vehicle inspectors and found road worthy.

"The entire body work and chassis frame is our design from first principles. We also made the mold from which the body can be stamped out to produce hundreds of thousands of cars," Izugbu said at the elaborate presentation ceremony.

The Z-600, built on a 4-stroke 1800 cc engine, Izugbu said, could cover some 30 kilometers on one gallon of petrol. The

engine could also be mass produced and put to other uses like agricultural mechanization, standby electricity generator and tricycles, among others, he said.

The unit price of the new car is put at between 150,000 and 180,000 naira (between \$1,800 and \$2,000 U.S.).

Nigeria has several vehicle assembly plants, but new cars have been priced beyond the reach of the average salary earner, forcing many to patronize the booming market of imported used vehicles mainly from Europe.

Izugbu said it would require some 200 million naira or \$2.4 million U.S. to set up a factory that would be able to produce

GLOBAL INVESTMENT BOOM BYPASSES AFRICA

BONN (IPS) — The world's poorest countries, mostly in Africa, are being left behind as other developing nations take advantage of increasing flow of foreign investment to the South. Africa, home to 34 of the world's 48 lesser-developed countries (LDCs), lagging behind as growth in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Asian and Latin America-Caribbean regions sets new records, say experts from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

"Overall, Africa's share (excluding South Africa) of developing country inflows was less than four percent in 1996, its lowest share since the early 1980s, and a further indication that the region is not participating in the global FDI boom," says UNCTAD's World Investment Report 1997. Transnational Corporations, Market Structure and Competition Policy. If South Africa is added, FDI inflows into Africa were slightly ahead of

1995 levels at \$5.3 billion, compared to \$4.9 billion, but below the continental record of \$5.6 billion in 1994. Africa's oil-producing countries took slightly more than 70 percent of the FDI that did come to Africa in 1996, with Nigeria by far the largest single recipient. Nigeria drew \$1.71 billion in FDI in 1996, followed by Egypt, which drew \$740 million.

The LDCs, countries with a per capita gross national product of less than \$608 and a maximum population of 75 million, can only stand and watch as new FDI flows into resource rich countries like Nigeria, burgeoning new markets like China, or strategic traders like Singapore. FDI into Latin America and the Caribbean rose by 52 percent in 1996, the largest increase attained by any region of the developing world. With inflows of \$30 billion, in comparison to \$25 billion in 1995, Latin America and the Caribbean accounted for 30 percent of all FDI flows into developing countries.

Critics say U.S. funded experiment

By Chinta Strausberg
Special to the NNPA from Chicago
Defender

U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) is making the federal government over the coals for continued U.S. funded medical experiments in the treatment of AIDS among poor Third World women that she said violated medical ethics.

The U.S. "hasn't learned its lesson from the Tuskegee Experiment in which penicillin was denied to Black men infected with syphilis," the senator said.

Referring to an article in a recent edition of The New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) entitled "The Ethics of Clinical Research in the Third World," the senator agreed that withholding the proven AZT treatment from pregnant women with AIDS, violated World Health Organization guidelines intended to keep researchers from conducting unethical experiments. The Helsinki Agreement and the Nuremberg Code were international guidelines adopted after World War II to prevent the recurrence of experiments similar to those carried out in Nazi concentration camps.

The NEJM editorial states that these international agreements mandate that, "Only when there is no

known effective treatment is it ethical to compare a potential new treatment with a placebo.

"When effective treatment exists, a placebo may not be used. Instead, subjects in the control group of the study must receive the best known treatment."

Moseley-Braun credited the health professional for helping "shine a spotlight on these extremely questionable experiments. Unfortunately, the ethical lessons we should have learned from the Tuskegee experiment may not have been absorbed."

The senator said that "AZT has proven results in preventing Mother-to-child transmission of HIV."

"Despite that fact, groups of women in the ongoing studies are randomly selected to receive placebos. As a result, at least 100,000 women in the ongoing studies are randomly selected to receive placebos."

"We must never allow unknowing patients to be abused as they were in the Tuskegee scandal, and we must not put people in harm's way in the name of science when there's clearly no rational excuse to take such risks."

Note-the-less reports confirm that the Clinton Administration is confident that the U.S. funded experiments are ethical and will save five to 10 million children who might otherwise contract AIDS through parental

transmission. Supporters also say that the studies were reviewed by ethics committees in the U.S., Europe and in the countries where the studies are being conducted.

Preliminary research has found that when taken during pregnancy, AZT reduces the risk of transmitting the AIDS virus to the fetus by two-thirds. But the treatment costs over \$1000 per mother. The controversial study is trying to find out if the treatment can be as effective with lower and therefore less costly doses.

Critics, like the Washington, D.C.-based group Public Citizen, say it is unacceptable in the name of saving money, to doom unsuspecting mothers and children to death when it can be prevented.

In a letter to Donna Shalala, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Citizen contended that, "Researchers involved in these experiments have exploited the inadequacies of the health-care systems in these developing countries to conduct research they would never even consider in the U.S."

The studies included 12,111 women in Thailand, The Dominican Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Malawi. Funding was provided by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Number of minority teachers low

Efforts to get more students interested in teaching careers have not helped close the gap between minority teachers and the larger numbers of minority students in Connecticut schools, report the Philadelphia Tribune.

Minorities account for only 6.5 percent of teachers in the state, while 29 percent of students are minorities, state education figures show. "If our students don't see people who are like them in positions of authority and responsibility, then it is very difficult for them to imagine themselves in those positions," said Cynthia Jorgenson, a state education consultant who tracks minority hiring.

Many educators believe Connecticut needs to promote and

entice young minorities into the education field by starting student clubs for aspiring teachers and by offering more scholarships and financial incentives. Of the 166 school districts in the state, 112 had two or fewer minorities last school year and some had none at all.

There are even fewer minority administrators. Last year 136 school districts had no minority administrators and 150 had two or fewer. Officials say that they seek qualified teachers, no matter what their race.

Last year, the Wallingford, CT district received 75 applications from minorities, but none were hired because others were more qualified, said Dale Wilson, Wallingford's assistant superintendent for personnel. The

district employs 445 teachers and 44 aides. However, the only certified Black employee is a social worker and there are only two Latino teachers and one Latino teacher's aide.

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Millions spent in fight against climate treaty

WASHINGTON (IPS) — Some of the world's largest corporations are spending millions of dollars on advertising in an attempt to block an international treaty to restrict emissions of greenhouse gases that are changing the earth's climate.

Even as environmentalists are urging U.S. President Clinton to sign the United Nations agreement, leading U.S. oil, coal, and automobile producers are calling the treaty unfair.

"The agreement will hurt the economy by demanding cuts in energy use by industrialized countries while exempting such countries as China, Mexico, and Brazil," says Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The \$13 million campaign, described by advertisers as one of the most intensive campaigns ever mounted over a single political issue, seeks to convince the U.S. public that the agreement is unfair to business and the economy.


"This global agreement isn't global and puts the entire burden on the U.S. and a few other countries," says one of the many advertisements being aired on radio, television, and in the print media.

Environmental groups have been quick to point out that the United States produces more carbon dioxide per person than any other country and say the ads misinform the public and divert attention from industry's contribution to the problem.

As the December U.N. Climate Change Convention in Japan approaches, the debate here over global warming is also heating up. If successful, countries will sign an agreement in Kyoto binding targets and deadlines for countries to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases.

Greenhouse gases are produced mainly by the burning of fossil fuels — oil, gasoline, and coal — on which much of modern society runs. Most scientists believe that, once in the atmosphere, these gases trap heat and increase the earth's surface temperature. Over time, they can cause changes in climate, including increased frequency and intensity of storms, floods, heat waves, and droughts, scientists say.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

WASHINGTON, DC.—ASPIRA presents "Empowering Communities through Entrepreneurship and Technology" investing in Latino youth in the Marriott at Metro Center in Washington, DC. For more information, call 202-835-3600.

ROSELAND, Business—Circ Exchange at the EagleRock Club. For more information, call (973) 242-6207.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Society for Human Resource Management presents a Pre-Conference Workshop on Affirmative Action, Developing an Effective Plan for Your Organization. For more information, call (800) 283-SHRM.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Society for Human Resource Mgt. Presents a forum Between Men and Women. For more information, call (800) 282-SHRM.

ENGLEWOOD.—Annual Career Day held at the Radisson Hotel from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more info, call The Urban League, 201-558-4998.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

JAMESBURG.—The Keya Productivity Center Presents a one-day course titled "The Efficient Assistant." At the Holiday Inn Centerpoint Tinton: \$139. For more information, call 1-800-821-3919.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

TEANECK.—The Eighth Annual Export '97 Matchmaker trade fair and conference will be held at the Rothman center at Fairleigh Dickinson University. For more information call 973-242-6237.

FAIRFIELD.—The Keya Productivity Center Presents a one-day course titled "The Efficient Assistant." At the Best Western Inn, Tinton: \$139. For more information, call 1-800-821-3919.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

BARBADOS.—Crib News' Multi-National Business Conference will be held through the 19th in Barbados. For more info, call 212-944-1991.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

NEW YORK CITY.—Conference and Business Opportunity Fair, sponsored by the National Minority Supplier Development Council. For more information, call 212-944-2430.

Women entrepreneurs invest in technology

Washington, DC.—Women entrepreneurs are taking a more proactive approach than men business owners in their adoption of new technology and use of the Internet to grow their businesses. A new report from the National Foundation for Women Business Owners (NFWBO) demonstrates that women business owners are also substantially increasing their computer investments, and place a high degree of importance on vendor support and service when making purchasing decisions.

"Embracing the Information Age: A Comparison of Women and Men Business Owners" was commissioned by IBM and is based on a survey of nearly 800 women- and men-owned businesses across the country. The report reveals that women business owners increased their computer investments in the past year by 60% to \$170.3 billion, and plan to invest an additional \$67.2 billion in computer hardware and software in 1997.

"Women business owners are using technology to explore new business opportunities," explained Lois E. Haber, NFWBO Chair and President & CEO of Delaware Valley Financial Services, Inc. in Beryon, Pa. "The share of women business owners that have established a home page for their business has tripled since last year—23% now have a home page, compared to 16% of men business owners. Furthermore, 17% of women business owners say that the most important reason for using new technology is to explore new strategies for growth, compared to 10% of men business owners."

"NFWBO's research shows that women business owners will increase their investment in computer hardware and software in 1997 by 51% over last year's investment," said Michael Napp, National Market Executive, Women-Owned Business, IBM. "IBM recognizes that women entrepreneurs lead the way in using the Internet as a powerful tool to pursue new business strategies, evaluate the competition, recruit qualified executives, and take their firms global. We will continue to support this market by sponsoring research, providing education, and offering customized solutions."

When the NFWBO survey asked women and men business owners how technology is helping their businesses, a higher percentage of women compared to men entrepreneurs indicated it was assisting them in: responding to customers (39% compared to 32%), speeding up product or service introductions (28% compared to 23%), and improving their marketing efforts

(24% compared to 17%).

"Women business owners appear to be more likely to explore the Internet's opportunities than men business owners." NFWBO Chair Haber noted. 47% of women business owners currently subscribe to an online service, compared to 41% of men business owners; 51% of women business owners frequently use the Internet to communicate or send e-mail, compared to 40% of men business owners; 22% of women report frequent usage of the Internet to conduct research compared to 14% of men business owners; 9% of women entrepreneurs compared to 3% of men business owners use the Internet to review business opportunities or make bids on contracts.

As technology is developing at a tremendous rate, business owners are finding they need to replace and upgrade their computer systems more frequently. One third of both women and men business owners say they need to replace or make additional technology-related purchases at least every year.

This third annual study reveals differences in factors influencing women and men business owners' purchasing decisions are even more pronounced this year than last. Twenty-one percent (21%) more women than men business owners say that having a 24-hour or toll-free help line is an important factor; 19% more women than men business owners hold vendor knowledge and experience as important; 18% more women than men say that post-sale technical support is important; and 14% more women than men deem price an important factor.

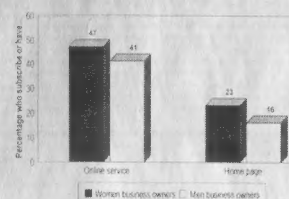
"The ways in which women business owners are making decisions about technology purchases are consistent with other NFWBO research," observed Haber. "Our research documents that women entrepreneurs place value on both relationships and factual information, are more likely than men entrepreneurs to seek out the opinions of others, and are more reflective than their male counterparts when making decisions." Haber explained. "As women-owned firms continue to increase in numbers and economic power, it is increasingly valuable for policy makers and other business owners to understand and benefit from these differences."

"NFWBO's research has demonstrated that the nearly 8 million women-owned businesses in the U.S.—accounting for over one-third (36%) of all firms in the country—are making major advancements in their application of technology for business

growth," observed Phyllis Hill Slater.

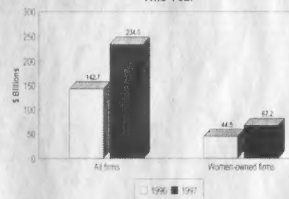
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Women are More Likely to Subscribe to an Online Service and Have a Home Page



Source: 1997 Technology Survey, (d) The National Foundation for Women Business Owners

Significant Increases in Planned Investment in Computer Systems Women-Owned Firms Plan to Spend More Than \$67 Billion This Year



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president of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) and president of Hill Slater, Inc., a Long Island, NY-based engineering and architectural company.

women-owned businesses in the United States and internationally, visit the National Foundation for Women Business Owners' home page: <http://www.nfwo.org> or call 301-495-4975.

Janet L. Stoner Elected Vice President Of Texaco Inc.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—Janet L. Stoner has been elected Vice President of Texaco Inc. on the responsibility for the company's worldwide human resources policies and programs. It was announced today by Texaco chairman and chief executive officer Peter L. Bijl. Stoner replaces Richard P. Brenner, who has elected to retire, effective November 1.

Most recently Stoner has served as Vice President, International Producing (Latin American Region) and Director of New Business Development for the Latin American Region.

Commenting on the appointment, Bijl said, "Janet Stoner has demon-

strated exceptional leadership skill and operational accomplishment during her career with Texaco. This experience, together with her recognition of the importance of people to Texaco's success, makes her ideally suited for this new responsibility. In her new assignment Janet will lead a talented team in the development and application of human resources programs designed to make the Texaco family the most skilled and admired workforce in the energy industry."

Stoner was graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor of science degree in physical education in 1970, and a master of science degree in mathematics in 1972.

Business and Community leaders honored

Thirty-two business and community leaders who have exemplified New Jersey's Many Faces - One Family leadership and diversity initiatives will be thanked for their efforts and presented advocates awards on recently at a reception at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton.

Secretary of State Lonna R. Hooks said "After three years of promoting harmony, diversity, unity and understanding, these particular individuals and their organizations have stood out among the thousands of New Jersey residents who have embraced this effort." Secretary Hooks said. "This celebration is to formally acknowledge their continued extraordinary commitment and work toward realizing the true potential of New Jersey through the Many Faces - One Family initiative."

The Advocate Award recipients are: Robert E. Allen, president and chief executive officer of AT&T Corp.; Toyoko A. Allen, the Japanese representative to the Ethnic Advisory Council; Dennis Baldassari, president of GPU Energy; Tom Coyne, president and founder of Coyne Communications; Chief Roy Cray Horse, chairman of the New Jersey Commission on American Indian Affairs; Robert Currie, chairman of the Ethnic Advisory Council; Dr. Vera King Farris, president of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; E. James Ferland, chairman and chief executive officer of PSE&G; Jo Giordano, public affairs director of Oakbrook Systems Advertising; Mangal Gupta, founding president of Global India Think Tank; Tom Haworth, founder of Tom-A-Hawk Promotions; Robin Kampf, Manager of Local Programming & Community Relations, TWR Cable of Piscataway; Thomas H. Kean, president of Drew University; Lois Klemey, field director, Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council; Richard J. Kogan, chief executive officer of Schering-Plough Corporation; Yong On Lee, legal counsel, New Jersey Federation of Korean Associations; James N. Loughran, S.J., president of St. Peter's College; Jeffrey Maas, Director, Essex County Department of Citizen Services; Castro Maldonado, president and chief executive officer of POCAL; Valerie Center for Community Development; Robert May, Chairman of the Old Bridge Human Relations Commission; Frances L. Mertz, president of Fairleigh Dickinson University; Nicholas V. Montalto, executive director of the International Institute of New Jersey; Penny Finkler, Director of Community Affairs and Special Projects, WWOR-TV Channel 9; T. Joseph Semrad, chairman and chief executive officer of Summit Bancorp.; Stephen H. Shiffrin, Principal, Robertville School; Dr. Arnold Sport, president of William Paterson College; William R. Testa, Chairman of Morris County Human Relations Commission; Dr. Leo S. Thorne, director, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Daisy J. Todd, assistant supervisor of resident living, New Liberal Development Center; Dr. Margaret Varma, director of the Leadership Institute for Women of Asia & the Pacific Islands, Rutgers University; Dr. Joseph A. Volker, vice chairman of the Sister Rose Thering Endowment, Seton Hall University; and Kenneth E. Weg, president of Bristol-Meyers Worldwide Medicines Group.

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Have a great Halloween without spooking your Orthodontist

Costumed kids will soon go door-to-door, their trick-or-treat bags full of candy that could be just murder on braces.

"Candy and foods that are sticky and chewy, or hard and crunchy, create the biggest problems for kids—and adults—wearing braces or retainers," says Dr. Larson S. Keso, president of the American Association of Orthodontists.

October is National Orthodontic

Health Month, and orthodontists are warning their patients to steer clear of caramel, gum and taffy. They also advise that those in treatment should avoid hard and crunchy foods like popcorn, peanuts, ice and taco chips.

Orthodontists frequently remind patients that consuming "off-limit" foods could lengthen their treatment time. "Sneaking food that could harm your braces may affect treatment—just as if you weren't wearing your headgear or rubber bands," says Keso.

For those in retainers, remember: remove your retainer before indulging—especially before bobbing for apples at that Halloween party. (Be sure no retainers are tossed out in post-party garbage—this happens more frequently than you would think.)

What to do if you or your child has a candy-related accident? Contact your orthodontist immediately. Many doctors have an emergency phone number where they can be reached. "Usually small problems can be

solved over the phone. Loose or protruding brackets or wires can be held in place by applying orthodontic wax to the area," notes Keso.

Halloween does not have to be completely candy-free. Plain chocolate candy is all right, provided you brush afterwards.

"We want orthodontic treatment to be as positive as possible for patients," says Keso, "and cooperation this Halloween could lead to great results!"

Bill would help poor save more

WASHINGTON—Emulating a pilot program sponsored by several major foundations, four lawmakers said yesterday they would introduce legislation to create incentives for poor people to save to buy a home, start a business or send their children to college.

Two Republicans and two Democrats said they wanted the federal government to provide \$100 million over four years to match private savings by the poor and working poor. Several major foundations, including Ford and MacArthur, are putting several million dollars into a

pilot program called Down payment on the American Dream.

Poor people would put modest savings into special Individual Development Accounts, or IDAs, and would receive matching funds to expand their savings. The program is being developed by the Corporation for Enterprise Development.

The program's backers say the middle class and wealthy people get many forms of subsidized savings, through home mortgage tax breaks and tax sheltered retirement accounts, but the poor do not have the same opportunities.

Avondale Federal Credit Union: Step toward economic development

By Michael A. Grant, J.D.

"The dawn of a new day is among us and we see things differently. We see now not as individuals, but as a collective whole."

—Marcus Garvey

The marvelous minds of Avondale, a community of Cincinnati, Ohio are not just thinking about Black economic development, they are living it!

About four years ago, the Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater Cincinnati decided if major financial institutions were disinclined to make loans available for many African Americans in the area, maybe, just maybe, they could find a way to open their own financial institution.

Last month, President Bill Clinton's appointed chairman of the National Credit Union Administration flew to Cincinnati to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the opening of the Avondale Community Federal Credit Union, possibly the only Black-owned credit union of its type in the country.

Today, anyone who works, workshops or lives in the community can be a part of this model community initiative and concrete step toward economic empowerment.

The Reverend K.Z. Smith spearheaded the effort. With ingenuity and zeal, he galvanized the community and formed partnerships with public and private institutions to make the dream a reality. Because of his efforts, today, the underserved will have more opportunities for homeownership. And two or three years, more African-American entrepreneurs will have access to small business loans.

A man of quixotic vision, Reverend Smith also demonstrated practical judgment as he tapped the professional skills of a computer-literate, M.B.A. Reverend Kenneth Price, to act as a consultant for the project.

Since this community development credit union will target low income households (average household income of \$25,000 or less), a revitalization of the Avondale community can be expected.

One of the most persistent complaints that I hear as I travel around the country challenging individuals and groups to fulfill their dreams, is: "It is difficult to get access to capital. What do I do when I have been consistently denied credit or do not have the required collateral for a particular loan?"

There are obviously a number of options available to finance business ventures or even to purchase a home. But I can think of nothing that sounds as promising for a whole community, trying to develop itself economically, as the formation of a community credit union. It is most definitely a step in the right direction. As Reverend Kenneth Price put it: "Getting our own credit union was a journey with many hurdles. But it was well worth the effort".

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—Madelyn Reid
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American Lung Association urges flu shot

NEW YORK, N.Y.—It would take you beach away to know how many people will be at risk this fall for potentially life-threatening complications linked to influenza—more than 59 million according to the American Lung Association. African Americans, who are one of the hardest groups hit, as they are more susceptible to complications from influenza as well as pneumonia because of lack of vaccinations.

The American Lung Association is encouraging everyone to take preventative measures during Healthy Lung to keep influenza and pneumonia at arm's length by getting vaccinated against influenza and pneumonia.

"We've seen that yearly influenza vaccinations have been effective in preventing influenza and reducing the severity of this lung disease," said Norman Edelman, M.D., spokesperson for the American Lung Association. "Anyone can get influenza or pneumonia. Getting the influenza vaccination is as soon as the new strains become available, but before the onset of the season in November, is critical."

Influenza, a contagious viral disease, infects the lungs and other parts of the body, bringing with it an onslaught of symptoms, including fever, chills, coughing, and sore throat, weakness, loss of appetite and body aches. Pneumonia, a serious infection or inflammation of the lungs caused by bacteria or viruses, carries with it a laundry list of symptoms. The more serious bacterial pneumonia produces chills, chest pain, coughing, profuse sweating, and rapid breathing, rapid increases in breathing and pulse rate and temperatures as high as 105 F.

"Vaccines are available for private physicians, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and almost anywhere health care is offered. They also are covered by Medicare and other health insurance plans. Both vaccinations can be given at the same time without increasing side effects."

FIRE SAFETY WEEK

TIPS ON SURVIVING HOME FIRES #1
OCTOBER 6-13

PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE

• Prevent panic by preparing.
• There is little time to think in a fire. Every second should be used to get out. Be prepared. Practice EDITH, which stands for "Exit Drills In The Home."

• Designate a meeting place outside the home.
• Always stay close to the ground during a fire.
• Crawl to the door and see if it is hot. If cool, open door slightly and check for smoke. If there is none, leave by your escape route.

• The carbon monoxide created by a fire numbs your brain. It leaves you disoriented and dizzy and will eventually kill you.
• The poisonous gases actually put you into a deeper sleep! Most fires occur at night and only a loud noise, such as a smoke alarm, will wake you when you're sleeping.

• The fire's heat is intense. You don't have to be near the flames to be injured. Your body cannot survive temperatures higher than 150 degrees, and a fire can range over 600 degrees. Learn what you can do to survive this kind of heat.

• There is no time to think in a fire. You may have as little time as one minute to escape once a fire starts. If a fire is not out in 30 seconds it should be considered beyond control. Every second must be used to get out.

• Practice with your family EDITH, which stands for Exit Drills In The Home. As part of this you should designate two exits to use for escape and know exactly what to do.

• Designate a meeting place outside the home. Calls for help should then be made from an outside phone or neighbor's home.

• When a fire alarm wakes you, roll out of bed to the floor. Always stay as close to the floor as possible; the air is cleaner and cooler near the ground. In a blaze the temperature at knee level may be as cool as 90 degrees, but a burning 600 degrees at shoulder level! Stay on your hands and knees to avoid heat and smoke.

• Crawl to the door and touch it to see if it is hot. If the door is cool, open it a crack to check for smoke. If there is none, leave by your escape route. Remember to crawl and keep your head low. On your way out be sure to close all doors behind you. This can delay the fire's hours.

• Always sleep with your bedroom door closed. The closed door will delay the sleep and give you time to escape. It is also good idea to keep a flashlight near your bed so you can find your way around. Remember, in a real fire there is no light!

• Make sure your family has a fire escape plan. Everyone in your home should know two escape routes from every room.

Check your smoke detectors. Because the smell of smoke will not wake you while you sleep, you must rely on a smoke alarm to save your life. Make sure your home has a smoke detector near each sleeping area. Remember to change the batteries often.

Today's fire safety tips are brought to you by this newspaper and McDonald's in cooperation with Dr. Frank Field of WWOR-TV UPN9 and WNJU-TV, Ch. 47. Stop by your local McDonald's restaurant and ask for a copy of McDonald's "Plan To Get Out Alive."



Watch Dr. Frank Field's report on WWOR-TV UPN9 throughout the fire safety week, October 6-13, 1997.



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Anthony Williams of Carteret presents New Jersey Secretary of State Donna Hooks with a Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center tie shirt at a recent ceremony to recognize September as Childhood Cancer Month. Secretary Hooks presented the proclamation on behalf of Governor Christine Todd Whitman. The proclamation applauded the efforts of the Valerie Fund Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders and Children's Hospital of New Jersey for their efforts in the fight against childhood cancer.

Permissive parenting may be hurting kids' Sleep

Permissive parenting that doesn't set limits or consistently enforce rules when a child is awake is likely to mean the child isn't getting a good night's rest.

When a research team compared 80 children from a sleep disorders clinic with 52 others at a primary care clinic for well children, they found that lax and permissive parenting was strongly associated with sleep disturbances among the children in the well group. Lax parenting was described as parents giving in, allowing rules to go unenforced, or providing positive consequences for bad behaviors.

Judith Owens-Sivley, MD, and a research team from Rhode Island Hospital, Brown University School of Medicine, Providence, RI and George Washington University, Washington, DC, publish their findings in the October Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. The children in the study averaged 5.7 years old.

The researchers suggest that one reason the permissive-parenting link did not show up as well in the sleep disorders pediatric group may be that children with more serious behavioral problems, traceable to lax parenting, probably are sent to a mental health clinic instead of a sleep disorders clinic.

"It is also possible," they write, "that other parent-related variables not directly measured in this study, such as marital discord or maternal depression, are more important predictors of children's sleep problems...severe enough to result in referral to a sleep-disorder clinic."

It has been estimated that between 15 and 35 percent of young children have problems sleeping. These include refusal to go to bed, waking up at night, sleepwalking and nightmares.

The researchers asked the parents of the children about sleep disturbances, child temperament, behavioral problems, and parenting styles.

Intense and negative temperament characteristics in children was associated with clinically significant behavioral sleep disturbances. As might be expected, highly emotional children—those with a high level of distress and low level of sociability—and those who have behavioral problems during the daytime are also more likely to have problems sleeping at night.

The authors recommend that further studies be based on larger sample sizes and use independent observation instead of only parents' answers to questionnaires.

Health Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

PLAINFIELD—The First Division is holding its annual Fire Prevention Fair at HUE Stein Athletic Field. For more information, call 908-753-3445.

NEWARK—Columbus Hospital sponsors Wellness Health Fair between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon. For more info, call 973-268-3674.

JERSEY CITY—Dr. Max Essex, president of the Harvard AIDS Institute is giving a seminar. For more info, call 201-200-3428.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital is offering Massage Therapy sessions to promote health from 5 to 7 p.m. For more info, call 201-833-3166.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Breast cancer focus of award-winning play "For Tiger, Lines Out of Season" about a woman's battle with breast cancer. The play begins at 8 p.m. For more info, call 973-855-5114.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

UNION—SeniorHealth's members will have a final meeting at Union Hospital's new Community Resource Center. For more info, call 908-964-0444.

Blood donations needed

The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and seeking healthy adults to donate.

Each pint of blood donated is tested and broken down into components which have different uses. For example, red cells are used in surgical situations and trauma cases; platelets are used for transplant and cancer patients; and plasma is used in patients with severe burns.

Donors must be 18 years of age. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have donated within the last two years. For more information, call 1-800 BLOOD NJ.

October is open enrollment period for COBRA policies

COBRA policies

TRENTON—People in the state who already have individual health coverage policies under the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage (IHC) Program need to know that October is the "open enrollment period," the only time during the year when current policyholders of individual health insurance can "trade up" to more comprehensive coverage, according to Wendell Sanders, acting executive director of the IHC Program.

"Also, individuals who have been considering a switch from their individual health coverage—often referred to as traditional or fee-for-service coverage—to an individual HMO plan, should use this time period during October to do so," Sanders said.

In addition, this October open enrollment period provides an opportunity for people who are enrolled in or eligible for group health coverage, for which they pay all or part of the premium, to purchase individual coverage in lieu of group coverage. However, there are some restrictions concerning the individual coverage they may select.

"We strongly urge anyone with an individual policy who is considering a change—or eligible people with contributory group coverage—who they may be interested in individual coverage—to contact their insurance agent or carrier prior to October 31," Sanders said. "Those with individual coverage also have the option of changing their coverage with the same carrier or going to a different carrier," he added.

Sanders reminded individuals that although "open enrollment" occurs during October, the changes in coverage will not be effective until January 1, 1998.

New Jersey residents who lack health coverage and are interested in purchasing coverage in the state's individual health care market because they are self-employed, unemployed with limited and/or expensive COBRA benefits, or because they are a child or spouse—are not eligible for coverage through an employer's group plan or Medicare, may purchase individual coverage from an agent or directly through a carrier anytime throughout the year. There were more than 160,000 persons covered by the standard individual health benefit plans in New Jersey as of March 31. There are 27 carriers in the individual market, counting HMO and indemnity affiliates separately. All plans are offered on a guaranteed issue, community-rated basis.

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Arts & Entertainment

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SWV back in full swing

If James Brown, the hardest working man in show business, headed an exclusive club, his charter members would certainly be three energetic young ladies from New York named Cheryl Gamble (Coko), Tamara Johnson (Taj) and Leanne Lyons (Lelee), the members of SWV (Sisters With Voices).

The multi-platinum vocal trio is consistently present on the music scene, whether with one of their own chart-topping albums or by participating in the projects of other top talent in the business.

SWV is projecting a steady pattern, with the release of their third RCA Records album, "Release Some Tension." The LP is chock full of the best of today's most slamming grooves, done SWV-style.

Following up and continuing on the heels of the success of their hit single "Can We" (with Ms. Rap Thang, Missy Elliott), from the "Booty Call" movie soundtrack, "Release Some Tension" gives the SWV fan more of that, and then some.

"Someone," the first single from the album, pairs SWV with today's music wizard, Sean "Puffy" Combs, who both produced the track and raps on it. The second single, "Lose My Cool," is a rhythmic duet between SWV and rap superstar Redman. SWV also teams up with none other than rap icon Snoop Doggy Dogg on "Gettin' Funky."

Not to be left out, other hip-hop notables came to the SWV party. SWV shared their mike with rapstress Foxy Brown on the title cut, the saucy, sensual "Release Some Tension" with Lil' Caesar on "Love Like This," which features a rap written by "Bad Girl" Lil' Kim; with Lil' Kim herself on the hard-hitting "Give It Up"; and with rapper E-

40, on "Come And Get Some," a tune co-written by SWV's Coko.

For that "spice of life," SWV slowed the pace a bit on tracks such as "Rain," a trademark torch song ballad written and produced by first album collaborator, Brian Alexander Morgan; the dreamy "Here For You" and the flowing "When U Cry."

Participating on the "Booty Call" soundtrack was only one of many recent SWV endeavors.

Coko can be heard vocalizing with Will Smith on his "Men In Black" song, from the hit movie's soundtrack; she also did a duet with Johnny Gill on the "Booty Call" soundtrack; and Ms. Gamble recently did a song and video with rapper AZ. Taj and Coko appear in Lil' Kim's video for "Ladies Night," they also recorded "Tell Me How You Want It" for Anista's "Money Talks" soundtrack.

And lest anyone forget, SWV participated in the tribute song to the Notorious B.I.G.; the "Red, Hot and Blue" song written by K. Kelly, and earlier, the "Waiting To Exhale" soundtrack ("All Night Long"), the "Quincy's Jook Joint" album ("Slow Jams") and did a duet and video with Blackstreet on "Tonight's The Night."



Play tells story of the Whispers

NEW YORK—Listening to WBLV's "Quiet Storm," many can remember the soulful, soothing sound of Phyllis Hyman's voice.

"Thank God! The Beat Goes On!" begins at the Apollo Theatre where the Whispers are to perform their final farewell performance, after the tragic death of Hyman. This play is about their story.

A story that for 30 years took place backstage and on stage at the most famous concert halls. They began singing on the streets of Watts.

"Thank God! The Beat Goes On!" stars Phyllis Hyman (right) as Phyllis Hyman and Tony Terry. Running through Oct. 26, the play is at The Beacon Theatre on Broadway at 74th Street.



Opening night at Crossroads 'The Darker face of the Earth' debuts

NEW BRUNSWICK—Opening night celebrations for the world premiere of "The Darker Face of the Earth" by former U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove at Crossroads Theatre Company's has been extended to Oct. 11 and 12.

The play will run from October 4 - November 2, 1997 in the Company's 264-seat theatre in New Brunswick. Developed in workshops and readings at the Crossroads Genesis Festival, the play's original score is based on

West African drumming by Olu Dara. With a cast of 20, the play's verse rhythms include influences of African tribal invocation, spirituals, and the call-and-response of the Black church, and tells the generational tale of Augustus Newkirk, a slave in the 1840's who is given a classical education by a sea captain and promised freedom. The Captain dies and Augustus is sold to pay estate costs, which returns him, unknowingly, to the South Carolina cotton plantation where he was born.

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Congo Jack
by Roger Norman Buckley
published by Pinto Press
\$10 pp., \$22.00

Based on the true story of an African mutiny in the Caribbean in 1802, "Congo Jack" is a fictional account of an incident that took place on the British West Indian island of Dominica in 1802. It is the story of a soldier who finds himself at the center of a whirlwind when his black British Eighth West India Regiment rises in rebellion.

This fall director Steven Spielberg's movie Amistad will be released. Amistad is the story of an 1839 mutiny aboard a Spanish slave ship, the Amistad. 33 Africans took over the Amistad near Cuba, tried to steer home, and landed in the U.S., where they were put on trial. Spielberg is sure to bring mass-media consciousness of the poignant history and legacy of African resistance to slavery. Similarly, through the art of fiction, Roger Buckley's novel "Congo Jack" brings history to life through the gripping and emotional story of Madu. Madu is enslaved by his tribe in Nigeria, then captured, transported and sold as a slave to the British army on the island of Dominica in the New World. His new name is Congo Jack and his new role is that of a soldier in the all-black British Eighth West India Regiment.

As a project, "Congo Jack" began in 1972 when Buckley was in England doing research for his dissertation. He was at work in the public



record office outside London and came upon the official court-martial proceedings of a group of black soldiers charged with mutiny in 1802 on the West Indian island of Dominica. The soldiers' testimony had been translated into English.

"These were the voices of slaves," says Buckley, "although not in their native tongue. I was struck by that. One doesn't often read slave voices, even in translation." He was also struck by the name "Congo Jack" and the dramatic story.

He promised himself he would someday write a fictionalized version, which is now being published as Congo Jack. "This is a powerful story," says Buckley. "It is about slavery, conflict, redemption, honor, and the lost African homeland. I needed to tell that story."

Book
by Whoopi Goldberg
published by Rob Weisbach
240 pp., \$22.00

Rob Weisbach Books publishes Whoopi Goldberg's wise, hilarious, and provocative observations on life.

On shelves, September 29, "Book," by Whoopi Goldberg, is a fiercely honest, wholly original first-hand look at life by one of the most beloved entertainers of our time.

Voicing truths we all share but never speak aloud, Whoopi's riffs run the gamut from presidential sex to family responsibility to bodily functions (including the story behind her unique name, lacking not only the humorous ironies of life but also the social issues and obligations we all face every day).

Divided into chapters that include "Fate, Trust, Home, Self, Cost, Race, Choice, Dick, Death, and Dream," "Book" is filled with the hard-earned wisdom, savvy sense of humor, and wide-ranging, keen observations that have made Whoopi Goldberg a household name.

Speaking as an actor/activist/lover/dancer/sister/grandmother on everything from race and personal integrity to welfare reform and the Pope, Whoopi's opinions on everything we care about most are sure to give people thinking, arguing, and laughing out loud.

Whoopi Goldberg has starred in



numerous films, on Broadway, and on television. She has won countless awards, among them an Oscar, two Golden Globes, a Grammy, and four NAACP Image Awards. A co-founder of Comic Relief, Goldberg is well-known for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of children and the homeless and in the battles against AIDS and substance abuse.

Ed Note: "The Associate" starring Whoopi Goldberg, now on video tape, is a great Saturday night. It's satirical comedy makes you think about what it means to be black in corporate America.

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Breaking baseball's color barrier

by Sakenah Archibald

On Saturday, Oct. 11, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's breaking the color barrier, Nickelodeon will show "First Time," a presentation of the Cable Ace Award-winning series Nickelodeon's Sports Theater hosted by Shaquille O'Neal.

Set in 1940's Brooklyn, "First Time" is the touching story of Troy Davis (played by Robert Richard) and his dreams of playing professional baseball.

An African-American teenager intent on pursuing his dream to the fullest, Troy has made baseball the center of his universe. He spends his every waking moment playing baseball, practicing, or dreaming of playing baseball.

Unfortunately, the reality of the 1940's greatly clashed with Troy's aspirations. When confronted with this harsh reality, Troy becomes disenchanted with not only baseball, but with life in general, and most of all, with his father. Troy feels that his father has misled him and allowed him to falsely believe that his aspirations of playing in the major leagues were a possibility.

In a truly tear-jerking moment,



Troy confronts his father about his perceived deception. Troy's father painfully explains to Troy the reasons why he allowed him to chase his dream, while at the same time, encouraging him to focus his efforts

elsewhere. According to Shaq, the message of "First Time" is "If you keep working hard and follow your dreams, you can be anything you want."

Board

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

ENGLEWOOD—Young People's Concerts will be held at the John Harms Center at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more info, call 973-624-3713.

MORRISTOWN—Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter will perform at the Community Theatre. For more info, call 973-593-8038.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

WAYNE—William Paterson University presents pianist Trefor Smith at the Shea Center, 12:30 p.m. For more info call (973) 720-2966.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Jazz Institute of New Brunswick presents The Youth Ensemble. For more info, call 732-214-1113.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

PLAINFIELD—The Young People's Concerts will be held at Plainfield High School at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. For more info, call 973-624-3713 ext. 216.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

ERSEY CITY—The Community Awareness Series of The Jersey City Public Library celebrates 20th Anniversary of Community Programming featuring The Kenny Barron Quartet.

NEWARK—Grey Linhardt Jazz performs at The Newark Library. For more info, call 201-624-8880 x258.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

EDISON—Crossroads Theatre Guild presents A Jazz Luncheon featuring James Moody Quartet. For ticket information, call (908) 249-5581.

NEWARK—The Youth Ensemble will perform at the Priory Club. For more info, call 732-214-0113.

NEW YORK—New Works New Company, New Heights presents "Tharp". Tanya Tharp's newest dance ensemble at the City Center. For more info, call 212-515-1212.

ASBURY PARK—On October 12th at 4:00pm, see John Amos, star of Roots and Die Hard 2 in his new play, "Corbo" at the Pleasant Theatre in Asbury Park. For more information call 732-918-6565.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEW YORK—Transforming the crown: African, Asian and Caribbean Artist in Britain, 1966-1995. In an historic collaborative effort, this landmark exhibition is organized by the Caribbean Cultural Center in cooperation with the Bronx Museum of the Arts and the Studio Museum in Harlem. For more information, call 212-307-7420.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

NEW YORK—Jazz on Film at Lincoln Center presents "Dizzy in Celluloid" hosted by Jon Faddis. For more information, call 212-875-5629.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

NEWARK—African Globe Theatre/Works presents Chuck Cummings' "NEGRO BUILDING" through Oct. 26th. For more information, call (973) 624-1594.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEWARK—Opening Night Gala for the 75th Anniversary Season of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

NEWARK—The NU Performing Arts Center presents "Chaka Khan & The Isley Brothers in Prudential Hall. For more information, call 1(888)GO-NJAPC.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

NEW BRUNSWICK—Violinist Shlomo Mintz performs Tchaikovsky 8 p.m., State Theater. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

NEWARK—Canada's premiere puppet theater, Theatre Sans Plu, opens at the Performing Arts Center with the "Dream Catchers" puppet show. For ticket information, call 1(888)GO-NJAPC.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

NEWARK—Violinist Shlomo Mintz performs Tchaikovsky 8 p.m. New Jersey Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

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JERSEY CITY—Jazz Café Series presents "Ted Curson Jazz Band" at the Miller Branch Library - Cultural Arts Center. For more information, call (201) 647-6907.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

NEWARK—Violinist Shlomo Mintz performs Tchaikovsky 8 p.m. New Jersey Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

ENGLEWOOD—Pianist Yefim Bronfman performs Mozart 8 p.m. John Harms Center. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

WASHINGTON, DC—Smithsonian Institution exhibition "Selling Jazz" premieres through Jan. 19th. For more information, call (202) 357-2827.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

PRINCETON—Pianist Yefim Bronfman performs Mozart 8:30 p.m. Richardson Auditorium. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

RED BANK—Pianist Yefim Bronfman performs Mozart 8:30 p.m. Count Basie Theatre. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

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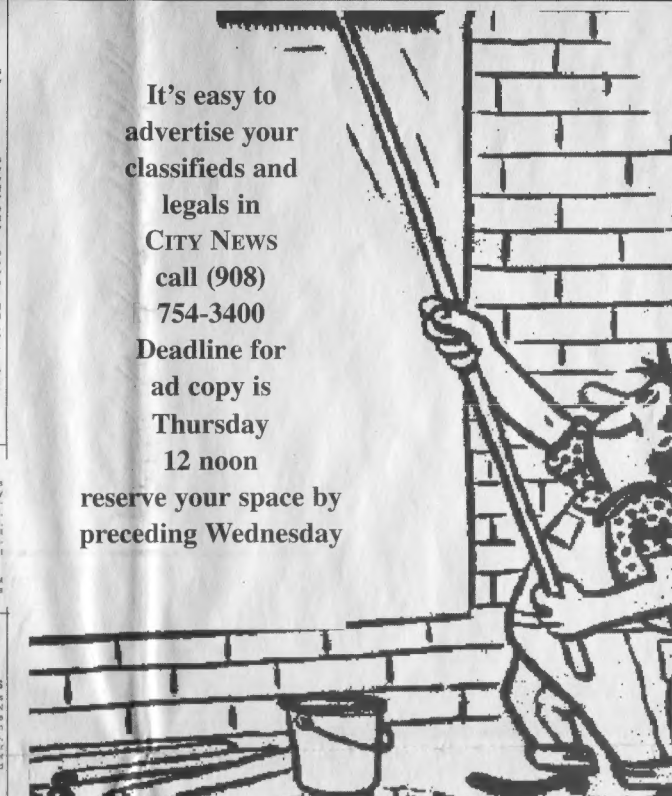
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Local Briefs

Elizabeth commended by HUD for its ESGP funds management

ELIZABETH—Mayor Chris Bollwage announced that the city of Elizabeth was recently commended by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its excellent job in the management of the Elizabeth Shelter Grant Program (ESGP) funds.

The city's Emergency Shelter Grant Program was recently monitored by a representative of HUD's Community Planning and Development Division. The ESGP Program is administered through the Department of Neighborhood Services under the supervision of Director Alfred J. Faella.

The City received \$264,000.00 dollars in ESGP funds last year. The funds were administered to support homeless shelters in Elizabeth operated by the Salvation Army, YMCA, YWCA, and Raphael's Life House.

Elizabeth successfully used all of its ESGP funds for shelter renovations, homeless prevention, operations, and administrative costs. Eligibility requirements were also met, according to HUD's report.

Seton Hall women's basketball offers "Junior Pirate Club"

SOUTH ORANGE—The Seton Hall University women's basketball team has organized the "Junior Pirate Club," a fan club for boys and girls in grades 8 and under.

For a \$10 membership fee, the youngster will receive a t-shirt, free admission to all Seton Hall women's basketball games, "The Pirate Report" newsletter, and a birthday card from the Pirates. In addition, members will be invited to a pre-season pizza party with the team.

Any grade school which has 25 or more students join the "Junior Pirate Club" will receive a free clinic by the Seton Hall players at that school.

For information, call the Seton Hall at 973-761-9493.

120 years of medicine

Plainfield—A look back at the Plainfield train accident in 1876 reminds us how very unprepared area residents were to handle medical emergencies. That event sparked the town leaders to plan, raise money and build Muhlenberg Hospital, which was incorporated in May 1877.

Those interested in learning more about the history of medicine and how it fit into the history of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center are invited to attend a FREE lecture called "120 Years of Medicine at Muhlenberg" on October 19 at 3 p.m. in Muhlenberg's Centennial Hall.

The lecture, co-sponsored by the Historical Society of Plainfield and Muhlenberg, will be presented by Garrett Keating, MD who has been a physician in the Plainfield area for more than 40 years. Early in his career he developed an avid interest in early medical instruments and treatments. His passion for medical history resulted in his extensive collection of medical instruments that have been used during the past 120 years.

Dr. Keating's lecture will be followed by a reception in the Board Room. A small display of Dr. Keating's instruments as well as many old photographs, nursing uniforms and other memorabilia which represent the evolu-



Garrett Keating, MD, with part of his extensive collection of medical instruments. The Drake House Museum in Plainfield will be available for viewing that day, with a larger display on exhibit at The Drake House Museum in Plainfield on Sundays from October 12 - November 23 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Drake House Museum will celebrate the opening of this exhibit on October 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call (908) 755-5831.

Charity care needs funding

NEWARK—Newark Municipal Council's Health Care Committee members were concerned with the results of the "Charity Care/Hospital Relief Fund" forum held recently.

Central Ward Councilman George Branch, who acts as committee chair, stated that funding for charity care is an important issue and yet nobody is really talking about it. "You can't believe that if permanent funding is not found to alleviate the drain upon our hospitals, the results will truly be disastrous," he said.

And the disastrous results are clear with the closing of United Medical Hospital and the downsizing of personnel at other health care facilities. "The Health Care Committee was happy to sponsor this forum. My concern is that we find a way to permanently fund charity care without cutting any programs or quality services to those in need. If the funding for this program is not renewed, it won't make a difference how many forums we hold," said State Senator and West Ward Councilman Ronald Rice.

The Charity Care Program provides \$300 million and the Hospital Relief Fund and Mental Health Subsidy provides an additional \$142 million for a total of \$442 million in payments to hospitals throughout the state. However, these monies don't come close to covering the actual costs of the health care services provided to patients. Hospitals cover the additional losses, themselves.

Councilwoman-at-Large Gayle Chaneyfield mentioned that on a recent business trip to Vancouver, B.C. she observed that the country provided free health care to its residents.

"They have added the cost into their sales tax to offset the cost. It is time that we find a solution to the high cost of health care in this country and it can be done cost effectively."

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The Charity Care Program provides \$300 million and the Hospital Relief Fund and Mental Health Subsidy provides an additional \$142 million for a total of \$442 million in payments to hospitals throughout the state. However, these monies don't come close to covering the actual costs of the health care services provided to patients. Hospitals cover the additional losses, themselves.

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"They have added the cost into their sales tax to offset the cost. It is time that we find a solution to the high cost of health care in this country and it can be done cost effectively."

Orange train station gets much needed overhaul

ORANGE—Mayor Mims Hackett, Jr. recently broke ceremonial ground for a project that will make major repairs and construction at Orange Train Station at Tony Galento Plaza. This project first came on the drawing board in 1984 when the City approached New Jersey Transit about funding to rehab the station.

Mayor Hackett said the revitalization of this station is a major goal for his Administration in an effort to attract commuters to the area. He immediately looked into the feasibility of using Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) funds to do a complete reconstruction of the station, construct asphalt roadways, concrete and brick sidewalks, granite block curbs and landscaping. Money raised through the UEZ in the amount of \$360,187 was used for this project, and work officially began on September 7.

Another \$40,000 in funds from the Essex County Community Development Block Grant allocation will be used to install decorative lighting which will improve safety and visibility. "I'm very excited about this project," Mayor Hackett remarked. "In addition to the two additional

Midtown Direct Trains that have been added, this project will enhance the revitalization of a once-ignored area of the City."

NJ Transit Executive Director Shirley A. Delibero said, "Orange Station is a great example of how a state and municipal partnership can maximize resources and enhance service to benefit the public. The recent improvements to the station, made by NJ Transit's STAR Program, will complement the work the city has done on the Orange Station parking lot. It's a beautiful story and we're proud of what was accomplished by working with the city of Orange."

Mayor Hackett said, "We hope that by channeling all of this money into the train station, we will improve the area. We have a commitment from our police director and NJ Transit for an improved 'police presence' in the area. This is very important. Cleanliness at the station is also important if we are to lure riders from West Orange to use our station. NJ Transit has already stepped up these efforts by keeping the walkways cleaner through the STAR Program."

Black ministers disappointed in gubernatorial presentation

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Youth and Family Services (DYFS). McGroves attempted to preach to the priests, getting increasingly dramatic as he told of going to various churches to ask for help in changing the situation. DYFS refused to write letters, petitions went to the Governor's office... And nary a word, from this governor—nary a phone call.

He went on to say that nothing happened until six months before the election, when the governor decided to introduce the DYFS reform bill. "Twenty-five children should not die under DYFS within a four-year period."

As an incumbent, Governor Whitman was able to point to her administration's record of appointing minorities to important government posts, welfare reform initiatives and the creation of urban enterprise zones. When asked about the problem of recently paroled inmates finding employment because of their record, she said, "It is in all our interests to give people a second chance." There are 30 businesses that have identified 9,000 jobs in the state of New Jersey where they are going to reach out to welfare or "work-first" participants.

Outside of the church, Whitman spoke of her visibility in urban areas saying that she will not concede a single vote in the state of New Jersey.

After the presentation, Reverend Jackson led the ministers in voicing his disappointment in what was heard, and said that he thought "neither responded well to the fact that in the suburbs, dollars turn over six or seven times, creating jobs and opportunities. In the urban areas, dollars turn over once and then they are gone. This is why there are no jobs." Jackson continued, "Neither serious ly addressed how to revitalize the cities and bring about economic development."

Reverend Jackson reiterated that because the council's tax-exempt status, as a group "cannot and will not endorse any candidate." Ministers will individually support candidates, and collectively issue report cards on gubernatorial candidates and members of the state Legislature this week.

Union County gives housing assistance to Plainfield project

PLAINFIELD—Combining its commitments to further economic development and provide affordable housing for Union County residents, the Union County Board of Freeholders has approved \$102,800 in federal funds for a deferred loan to help residents purchase 22 new homes in Plainfield.

Approval of the loan by the Union County HOME Program (administered by the Community Development Committee) means that first-time home buyers will receive significant savings on the two- to three-bedroom townhouses to be built in the Arlington Heights section of the city.

The allocation of these funds demonstrates the County's pledge to make economic development the top goal of our administration," said Freeholder Walter D. McNeil, a resident of Plainfield, adding that the project—slated to begin this fall—is the first of many between the city and the County.

Deputy County Manager George Devaney explained that money for the public-private partnership is being provided by the Union County Department of Economic Development, the state

Housing, Mortgage and Finance Agency, a bank loan and the developers' Union County is providing the final, crucial element to make this happen," he said.

The homes, which would normally sell for about \$85,000, will cost between \$61,000 and \$63,000 to qualified buyers.

McNeil added that the developers can pass on the County loan to the buyers, saving them nearly \$25,000. If a buyer maintains the house as a principle residence, meets federal income guidelines and resells it for an affordable price, they will not have to repay the loan, he said.

However, McNeil asserted, the loans will have far more than financial benefits. "They will also help to jump-start Plainfield's economy and create a revitalization effort that will involve the entire community," he said.

"There will be increased employment, new property tax revenues and the elimination of blight in a vital neighborhood. But most important, people will have the pride of owning their own homes."

Police patrol Irvington business district

IRVINGTON—The multiple fruits of the Irvington Urban Enterprise Zone are beginning to harvest with a new security initiative that will enhance police presence in the township's business districts.

Under the recently-launched year-long program, a pair of off-duty officers is assigned to walking patrols, rotating between Springfield Avenue, from Snyvesant Avenue to Washington Avenue—site of the Irvington Bus Terminal—and Chancellor Avenue, from Rutgers Street to Colt Street. The team will work four hours daily, seven days per week, alternating between the 10am-2pm and 3-7pm shifts.

The \$80,000 cost is being paid by the UEZ account that funds a variety of projects to spur economic development.

The state UEZ Authority has established broad-based

guidelines to determine what projects qualify for financial support. Increased police protection, improved fire services, and grand-scale advertising, all of which are among Irvington's initial programs, are hallmarks of the UEZ, currently operating in 29 municipalities.

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